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Minutes of the Joint Committee Meeting  
of  
the House Standing Committee on Oversight and Ethics  
and  
the Human Services subcommittee of House Standing Committee on Appropriations

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Tuesday, September 20, 2016

10:30 a.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Oversight and Ethics was called to order by Representative Ed McBroom, Chair.

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The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives McBroom, Howrylak, Theis, Robinson, and Pagan. (5/6)**

Member absent and excused was **Representative Graves. (1/6)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

**Representative Theis moved to excused Representative Graves from today's committee meeting.**

**There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the member was excused.**

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In The Chair: Poleski.

The Human Services subcommittee of House Standing Committee on Appropriations to order was called to order by Representative Earl Poleski, Subcommittee Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Poleski, McCready, Kelly, VerHeulen, and Yanez. (5/6)**

Member absent and excused was **Representative Banks. (1/6)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

**Representative Yanez moved to excused Representative Banks from today's committee meeting.**

**There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the member was excused.**

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In The Chair: McBroom.

The Chair laid before the committee the Office of the Auditor General Performance Audit.

Performance Audit of the **Child Care Fund**

Department of Health and Human Services

June 2016

**Report Number: 431-1400-13**

Melinda S. Hamilton, Audit Division Administrator in the Office of the Auditor General, and Aaron S. David, Assistant Auditor General in the Office of the Auditor General, answered questions from the joint committee members.

Steve Yager, Deputy Director and Director of Children's Services in the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, provided the joint committee with background information on the Child Care funding program. Discussion and questions followed.

Mr. Yager asked Scott Werner, Manager of the Special Audit Review and Compliance Section in the Office of Audit in the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, to join him to respond to the members' questions.

Farah A. Hanley, Senior Deputy Director of Financial Operations in the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, was asked by Mr. Yager to join him to address various members' questions.

Sandra K. Metcalf, Juvenile Court Director for the 20<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court in Ottawa County, commented on the benefits of the Child Care Fund and her county's concerns to the recent changes by the department. A copy of her testimony is attached.

Eric Stevens, Muskegon County's 14th Judicial Circuit Court Administrator, told the members about his experiences with dealing with the recent changes with the department's Child Care Fund program.

Elizabeth Gorz, Governmental Affairs Associate for Michigan Association of Counties, and John Evans, 44<sup>th</sup> Circuit and Juvenile Court Administrator, representing the Michigan Association for Family Court Administration (MAFCA), provided the members with further comments on the issue.

Jordyn Sellek, Executive Director of the Conference of Western Wayne, submitted a testimony card requesting the state respect the agreement with Wayne County regarding Child Care Fund reimbursement, but did not wish to speak.

In The Chair: Poleski.

There being no other business before the subcommittee; **Representative Yanez moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 12:22 p.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

In The Chair: McBroom.

There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Theis moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 12:22 p.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

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Ed McBroom, Chair  
House Standing Committee on Oversight and Ethics

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Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

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Date approved by the committee